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A Suggestion

Here is a suggestion for raising money for the press fund. The clubs should have a bank, or some other object where money may be placed. At each meeting, each member could place from 1c-10c in this bank. This could add up to a large amount in a year's time.

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A Call To Action

This issue marks the beginning of the fifteenth year in the history of the YOUTH. One would imagine that a magazine which has managed to exist for so long would be firmly established and in sound financial condition. However, nothing could be further from the truth. About four years ago it seemed as if the YOUTH would be just a memory because of lack of support. That was when His Excellency Bishop Neil Savaryn undertook personal responsibility for the publication of YOUTH. Since then the YOUTH has appeared regularly. We have just completed three full years of faithful, steady publication.

What do we have to show for it, you may ask? No progress aside from the regular publication. We're still not self-sufficient, we still have a debt, and the number of subscribers is about the same as it was when we started. The YOUTH is the official organ of the U.C.Y. of Canada. The U.C.Y. constitution states that every member must be a subscriber to the YOUTH. And yet the number of subscribers is still less than five hundred. Isn't that enough to bring a blush of shame to our organization? How can we be an effective group if we fall down so badly in such an important thing.

When we read about the reports given at various Provincial Conventions we hear about locals having a membership of fifty or more. When we check them with our subscription lists we find that they're not even represented. Other locals which have large memberships have only a handful of subscribers. Why is this so? What reasons can they give?

If you look at the 1958 Honor Roll in this issue, you will notice that there were only six U.C.Y. locals which sent in contributions to our Press Fund during 1958. Are these the only locals interested in the YOUTH? What about the others?

It is very obvious that the YOUTH is not being supported by all U.C.Y. members and locals. Why not? There must be a reason or reasons. That is what we want to find out as soon as possible. We are beginning a new year of publication. Let us know why we are being so grossly neglected by so many. If we can't do better this year than last, let us admit defeat and sink into oblivion. Let us then forget about being a national organization with such high and noble objectives. Let us then slink away slothfully and admit failure because success requires effort and we're not willing to expand any effort. Is

that what you want? If not, then let's have some action. Let's get busy right NOW and put the YOUTH on our priority list. Then let's work harder than we've ever worked before and prove that we're not failures. Let's prove that youth is a time of action and that young people can accomplish great things.

1958 Youth Honor Roll

This annual feature was instituted for the purpose of granting recognition and honor to those individuals and organizations who are sincerely interested in the welfare and future of the YOUTH. As we have mentioned so often in the past, subscriptions alone do not pay for even one-third of the cost of publishing and distributing the YOUTH. Consequently, we have to rely upon the generosity and good-will of many U.C.Y. locals and members for added support. Without this help we could not exist. To the following individuals and organizations we extend our sincere thanks for their very welcome support during 1958. We are thankful that they rallied to our call and set an example for others to follow. With God's help we hope that the number of these wonderful people will increase during 1959.

PATRON

His Excellency Bishop Neil Savaryn, Bishop of Edmonton, without whose aid the regular publication of the YOUTH within the past three years would not have been possible.

U.C.Y. ORGANIZATIONS

Following are U.C.Y. groups who have been of such great assistance by their generous contributions to our Press Fund in the past year. Clubs are listed according to size of contributions. Where amounts were of the same value, the alphabetical arrangement was used.

Myrnam U.C.Y., Myrnam, Alberta
St. Josaphat's U.C.Y., Edmonton, Alberta
Saskatchewan Prov. U.C.Y. Executive, Saskatoon, Sask.
Sts. Peter and Paul U.C.Y., Saskatoon, Sask.
St. Basil's U.C.Y., Edmonton, Alberta
Sifton U.C.Y., Sifton, Manitoba.

INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIBERS

The following individuals are to be congratulated for their keen interest in our magazine. Not only have they been keeping their subscription up to date but they have also contributed to our Press Fund. We pray God that we will have many more of these wonderful people in 1959 and in the years following.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ewaskiw, Edmonton, Alberta
Dr. and Mrs. O. Semchisin, Edmonton, Alberta

Rev. W. Iwaszko, Saskatoon, Sask.
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 Mr. and Mrs. M. Kucher, Hay River, N.W.T.
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 Miss Virginia Kwasney, Winnipeg, Man.
 Miss Helen Goshlak, Winnipeg, Man.
 Miss Olga Goshlak, Winnipeg, Man.
 Miss A. Shpur, East Kildonan, Man.

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The Eastern Diocesan Executive

In the 1956 Eastern Diocesan Convention, the following slate of Officers were elected:

Spiritual Director — Rev. Father N. Swirsky, OSBM, President — Mr. Ed Medwig, 1st Vice-President — Mr. Stan Semeniuk, Regional Representative for Montreal, 2nd Vice-President — Mr. Wayne Hrudyn, Regional Representative for Windsor, 3rd Vice-President — Mr. Al Chuchmuch, Regional Representative for Toronto, Recording Secretary — Miss Adele Dudar, Corresponding Secretary — Miss Mary Ann Peters, Publicity Officer — Miss Olga Weres, Fifth Member — Mr. Mike Kunanec, Treasurer — Miss Joan Kaskiw.

The Executive was commencing with their program, when both the Treasurer, Miss Joan Kaskiw and Fifth Member, Mr. Mike Kunanec resigned due to their forthcoming marriage.

President — Ed Medwig

Ed has been active with the UCY for a number of years, being the president of St. Catharines UCY in 1955 - 1956. Although his home is in St. Catharines, Ed attends the Ryerson Institute of Technology in Toronto, where he is taking his third year in Architecture. In be-

tween his studies and visiting home, he spends most of his spare time for the UCY visiting locals and encouraging UCY activities.

Vice-President — Al Chuchmuch

Al has been a faithful member of St. Josephat's UCY, being the Vice-President in 1956-1957 of that local. He attended the Diocesan meetings until the end of 1957, when due to other family obligations and his forthcoming marriage, he resigned.

Recording Secretary — Adele Dudar

Adele has been a staunch UCY member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. She has also been quite active with the Ukrainian Catholic Women's Retreat Association and the Legion of Mary. Due to the resignation of the Treasurer, Adele successfully filled that position and Cathy Smyke in turn replaced Adele as Recording Secretary.

Corresponding Secretary — Mary Ann Peters

Mary Ann has been Secretary of St. Josephat's UCY for a number of years. At present, she is a stenographer at the Canadian National Railways. She has endeavoured to attend all meetings and has faithfully sent out correspondence for the UCY.

Publicity Officer — Olga Weres

Olga is Secretary of St. Basil's UCY at present. She advertised our Popularity Contest and Rally in 1957 which were successful.

Spiritual Director —**Father N. Swirsky**

Since 1956, when he first arrived in Toronto, Father N. Swirsky has never refused advice, suggestions or time for the UCY. He has been the foundation of the UCY in the East, in that he is forever encouraging and assisting them in all respects. He strives to originate UCY locals even during his missions, and regularly visits all locals in his vicinity. Father N. Swirsky was Spiritual Director of the National Executive, and is for the Eastern

Diocesan Executive and St. Basil's local.

The UCY of Eastern Canada would not have been successful in achieving so much towards the fulfillment of its goal, if it were not for our Spiritual Director, Father N. Swirsky. At this time, on behalf of all UCY of Eastern Canada, we would like to express our sincere thanks.

The UCY of Eastern Canada is holding its Fifth Diocesan Convention in conjunction with the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League and the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood on February 14 - 15, 1959 at the Lord Simcoe Hotel, Toronto. The theme of this Convention is "Be Catholic in action, not only in Name". We heartily invite all Ukrainian Catholic Youth to attend.



Executive of Toronto Diocese U.C.Y.

St. Basil's U.C.Y. Toronto

Greetings once again from St. Basil's U.C.Y. Would you like to know what we have been doing since our last report in YOUTH?

Number of new subscribers to YOUTH — 3. Average number of members attending meetings—16-17. The club was also introduced to "new member Basil" which is actually a box complete with button eyes, cone nose, and braided wool ears. In this box we are collecting used stamps for the missions.

November 5th. Meeting followed by dancing to records.

November 19th. Meeting during which elections were held to fill the still vacant posts in the executive. It was decided to combine the Social and Sports Committees under one chairman and the Spiritual and Cultural Committees under one chairman. To these positions Dave Lesney and Nadia Boruch were elected respectively. Elsie Wons was elected Fifth Member. Father N. Swirsky gave a talk on St. Michael, Patron Saint of U.C.Y.

November 20 - 21. Carnival Bingo. U.C.Y. members help sell cards and prepare stubs for the raffle.

November 22. Carnival Coronation Dance. Twelve contestants of the youth participated in a popularity contest. Queen — Sandra Fedora; king — Orest Malysa. Proceeds are to be used to pay for the new pews in Church.

November 29th. "Puschynya" was made successfully by the U.C.Y. in conjunction with the Young Married Couples Club and the Women's league.

December 3rd. Meeting during

which Father N. Swirsky spoke on the importance and significance of receiving Holy Communion. The Spiritual Committee stressed the theme, "Let's put CHRIST back into CHRISTmas." To enforce this theme, posters both in English and Ukrainian were made by Club members and displayed at the meeting and later in the vestibule of the Church. Ukrainian Christmas cards with religious theme were made available for purchase by club members and later for parishioners after Mass on Sunday. Movies taken by our Club President, Don Boykach, of bowling and of the Coronation Dance were shown while members enjoyed a cup of hot coffee and doughnuts. This was of particular interest since our Club members made their first "movie" without a preliminary screen test. Beware Hollywood! The evening was concluded with practice of Christmas carols and naturally, washing cups and saucers.

December 7th. Our Club's first Communion Breakfast during which Father N. Swirsky, using quotations of former Popes as illustrations, talked on the need for God's aid in every undertaking. For this breakfast we tried a new system which worked very well. Instead of having the breakfast in the Parish Hall, and having our mothers or club members do the cooking, we reserved free of charge a banquet room in one of the restaurants and each member paid for whatever he ordered. By doing so we overcame several drawbacks of the former system for example: 1.

noise while another Mass is being celebrated. 2. the necessity of someone coming early to prepare for the breakfast to cook, to serve and later to wash dishes. 3. some members being unable to sit down at the table with everyone else because of serving. We recommend this system to other Clubs.

After the Communion Breakfast all present went as a group to visit Father Victor Soroka, our former Spiritual Director, who was confined to hospital after surgery. On behalf of the Club the executive gave Father a basket of fruit.

December 10th. Christmas carol practice. Two of our club members brought a tape recorder and recorded the different carols, then the recording was played back to us. The evening was completed by recording mock interviews. Our club is now "on record".

December 14th. A group of UCY members made an enjoyable excursion trip to Mount Mary Immaculate Academy in Ancaster in order to be present at the Christmas concert which included an opereta and carols by M.M.I.A. Choristers.

December 17th. Meeting followed by Christmas carol practice. Coffee and doughnuts were served.

December 20th. Club Christmas party which was held at the home of Vice-president, Art Stech. At the preceeding meeting it was decided that instead of buying gifts for members and then distributing them at the party, we should all bring one dollar which would be sent to the Ukrainian Orphanage in Mundare, Alberta. Also two "surprise packages" (which turned out

to contain chocolates and a ball point pen) were auctioned off. A total of thirtyone dollars was sent for the children in Mundare.

December 22nd. Capon Bowl.

Nadia Boruch.

OUR PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



Miss Catherine Smyke

The UCY of Eastern Canada is very proud to have as its member, Miss Catherine Smyke. Cathy, as she is known to all, is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Toronto. She has been very active with the UCY within the Parish beginning as 5th member in 1955, secretary in 1956, treasurer in 1957, and an honorary organizer at present. With all this experience Cathy is now a very capable and efficient recording secretary of the Eastern Diocesan Executive. Insofar

as UCY work, she is encouraging others in UCY activities and is always a willing and ready representative at meetings or socials.

Not only does she work for and with the UCY but also with other Catholic organizations. At Open House, which is held annually at the Mount Mary Immaculate Academy in Ancaster, Cathy is always tagging or selling. She is also captain of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish UCY for the Ukrainian Catholic Women's Retreat Association held in the Convent of Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate in Toronto. Cathy helps serving at banquets "prazniks" etc., tagging during the Diocesan Day, and at every possible occasion at the Parish.

With all this organizational work Cathy has time for hobbies which consist of knitting, embroidering, listening to classical music and Ukrainian tangos and last but not least playing the piano. She is also a great fan of the "hop polka" (and man, can she go, wow!).

Not only is she a secretary for the UCY but also is employed as secretary in the office of Sher and

Loftus Solicitors, in the heart of the City. Cathy was born in Toronto and completed her high school at Central High School of Commerce from which she graduated with honors.

All these facts about our Cathy are fine, but not until you have had the pleasure of meeting her do you realize what we mean when we say "our" Cathy. To illustrate how willing Cathy is to help out here is an example. During the National Convention after sessions we discovered that many delegates would still be in the City for the evening. Since nothing special was planned for that evening, Cathy on a few hours notice saved the situation by being a very obliging hostess at her home. No doubt that evening will long be remembered by those who were there.

With attention focussed on the forthcoming Eastern Diocesan Convention UCY would like to thank Cathy for all her efforts in UCY on the various levels of the pyramid structure of our organization. We wish her the very best and anticipate her further work with the UCY. Mary Trakalo.

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help U.C.Y. TORONTO, ONT.

We are submitting a summary of activities for the period from September 1957 to the present. During this period the Club was directed by two different executives.

For 1957-1958: President — Myron Sochanewsky, Vice-president — Ed Galanyk, Secretary—Diane Lugowy, Treasurer — Cathy Smyke, 5th

Member — Olga Bayko.

For 1958-1959: President—Walter Wayda, Vice-president—Olga Bayko, Secretary — Mary Ann Shkaraban, Treasurer — Peter Stasyna, 5th Member — Pat Miluck.

Number of paid up members 26; number of subscribers to YOUTH 2; number of members attending



Our Lady of Perpetual Help U.C.Y., Toronto

meetings 15-20.

Our activities have included Carolling, Mother's Day Events, and the preparation and serving of food at various banquets.

Spiritual Activities:

Easter: From Good Friday to Easter morning the boys of the Club, by turn, stand guard at the "Plaschynychia."

Communion Breakfasts: U.C.Y. holds a Communion Breakfast every second month.

Spiritual Talks: At every meeting Father Y. Benesh gives a speech on some appropriate religious topic.

Retreats: Eleven (11) girls made a closed retreat held at the Convent of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate in Toronto.

Stations of the Cross: During Lent the U.C.Y. members attend the Stations held before the meeting.

Educational Activities:

Discussions held: (1) What have Ukrainians contributed to this Country in the way of Customs and Culture? (2) Do you feel more Ukrainian or Canadian? (3) Should Ukrainian be spoken on the streets?

Guest speakers: (1) Mr. Pawliuk spoke on "Ethnic Groups and the Ukrainians in Canada". (2) Father V. Soroka, spoke "Difference between Greek and Latin Rites". (3) Father S. Kurylo gave three talks on the subject of Love. (4) Father N. Swirsky, Spiritual Director of Eastern Diocesan Executive gave an inspiring talk on "Why we should be proud to be a UCY member?"

Cultural Activities:

Ukrainian Dancing: In May of 1957 the Our Lady of Perpetual Help dancing group entertained

during the May Frolic sponsored by the Diocesan Executive of Eastern Canada. In the Fall approximately fifteen (15) new members took lessons in the basic steps of Ukrainian dancing.

Sports: Two skating parties every year. Indoor sports e. g. ping-pong during meeting etc. "Hahilka" Easter Sunday afternoon—annually.

Recreational Activities:

Weiner Roasts: Every long week-end during the summer, our Club held a beach party followed by a weiner roast. Christmas and New Year's Eve parties.

Miscellaneous:

Help to Church Committee: (1) Bazaar. (2) Tag Days (Mother's Day, Ukrainian School etc.). (3) Tag Days Diocesan Day at Exhibition Grounds. (4) Tag and Sell at Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate open house in Ancaster.

Conventions: Majority of UCY members attended the Park Plaza Coronation Ball in Sept. 1957. Four members attended Eastern Diocesan Rally in Montreal on Thanksgiving Week-end in 1957. Three contestants ran for the Popularity Ball, Miss Lee Nowasad won. Two delegates to the National Convention with all members attending sessions and functions. One member of this local being on the National Executive. Intend to send delegates to the Diocesan Convention to be held in February and will be well supported by the members. Two members on the Diocesan Executive, from our Club.

These are our activities up to the present. With the new year mem-

bership and subscriptions to the YOUTH will be collected and sent in. We will endeavour to submit an article to the YOUTH at least once

every two-three months. Certainly hope to see more reports from other locals.

Cathy Smyke.

Quo Vadis?

by G. J. Esaiw

This is the first in a series of three articles designed to acquaint U.C.Y. members with Spiritual Retreats and the reasons for them.

How many of us have ever asked ourselves, "Where are we going?" I dare say very fewer still could answer the eternal question, "Quo Vadis?"

Where will our souls go on that final day of judgement? If it is to heaven, what did we do to deserve it? If it is to hell, what did we do to lose heaven?

In this modern day and age we become so preoccupied with the world about us, we tend to forget the reason we are here and what we must do to earn ourselves a place in heaven.

Being human, we are given over to rationalizing and making excuses for ourselves by saying, "I haven't got time," or "I'll cross that bridge when I come to it," or "It's hard for me to meditate on such things, because there are so many interruptions;" and on and on we go making one excuse after another.

To the first excuse I say "Bunk", if we really wanted to we could make time. As for waiting to come to the bridge before crossing it, we are on that bridge right now; we have been since we were born and will be until we die. The only excuse I can find myself, at least

partially in agreement with, is the third.

I concede to this third excuse because I know it to be very true. In this present day world of ours, there are so many ways in which we can be and are distracted by radios, phones, television, etc. However, there is a solution even to this problem.

In Alberta we are blessed with two retreat missions; one at St. Albert, some six miles north of Edmonton and the other at Cochrane, seventeen miles west of Calgary, in the foothills of Southern Alberta.

At these spiritual havens, we are shut off from the rest of the world and are left to ourselves to think things out, to take stock of ourselves and our souls and to try to see if we can answer many of the questions which confront and perplex us from day to day.

At the present time, the Spiritual Committee of St. Josephat's Cathedral U.C.Y. in Edmonton is attempting to arrange for two weekend retreats for the benefit of its members, as well as for the spiritual welfare of the club as a whole.

One retreat will be for the young men of the club and the other for the young ladies of the club. However, in the event that the required number of fifty retreatants cannot be realized from St. Josephat's local, applications are invited from any

member of any local in the Edmonton Diocese who may be interested. If on the other hand the number of persons wanting to attend the retreats exceeds fifty, then the first fifty people on the list who have paid up their membership for the current year will be taken.

I realize that only a very small number of you have ever been on a closed retreat before and so for the benefit of the majority of those who have not had the privilege to attend a retreat, but who think they would like to go if they knew more about it, I will attempt to explain the meaning and purpose of a retreat.

The Catholic Encyclopedia defines retreat as, "A temporary withdrawal from one's everyday pursuits for the purpose of drawing closer to God by prayer, meditation and amendment."

Prayer, meditation and amendment; these are the key words to making a good retreat.

There are two types of prayer; physical or visual prayer, when a person kneels down and recites the rosary or says an "Our Father" or "Hail Mary", and mental prayer, which in some respects is not unlike meditation, when a person, while praying, thinks deep into the meaning of what he is saying, or in the case of saying the rosary, thinks about the mystery and the events which led up to the mystery or some other happening in Christ's life on earth.

Fervent and devote prayer often makes it easier to meditate on the

truths of our doctrine, on death, on life, and many of the other phases of our religion. Also we may meditate on how we can better ourselves in this world and prepare our souls properly for eternal life with Our Lord and His angels in heaven. At a spiritual retreat we also have a good chance to take a good look at ourselves and see if we are doing everything that is expected of us by God. Do we obey His ten commandments? Do we fervently believe in His teachings? Do we receive the sacraments often? If not, then what can we do to help ourselves fall into line with what is expected of us?

These and many more things come before us for our attention and consideration in the duration of retreat.

It is after asking ourselves these questions and answering them to the best of our ability without bias, that we firmly resolve to mend our ways and try to find the best way to go about making the amendments in our lives, that will once again bring us back to God, His Church and the Holy Sacraments.

So in closing I once again ask you to ask yourselves the question of questions, "QUO VADIS?". If you can answer that with "Scio quo vadem" (I know where I am going), all well and good, but if you can't, then we will expect to see you at the Closed Retreats in May.

In the words of William Woods-worth — "What is this world if full of care, we have not time for thought and prayer."

What Do You Think?

Dear Editor;

I would like to express my opinion of the U.C.Y. clubs. I myself was a U.C.Y. member until this year when teaching duties have not allowed me to become a member of our local.

I agree 100% with the person who wished to remain anonymous in your "November YOUTH" issue. I think that the U.C.Y. clubs, not all of them, are simply being neglected and are not living up to the U.C.Y. principles. The way some of the clubs are run is a shame. They should not even have the name U.C.Y. because they do not act like catholic youth.

I attended a U.C.Y. catholic youth and I was shocked at the way the members acted. It was more like a "Rock and Roll Show". There

was no Catholic spirit shown whatsoever. The members were rowdy, the members, students of a high school, 14 - 18 years old, smoked, drank and acted like juvenile delinquents. Not only have I seen these members at the parties, but I have seen them on the streets, acting the same way. I believe that it is the fault of the parish priest. The U.C.Y. clubs should have more spiritual training in them. It seems that meetings are held only to plan for some entertainment. I also think that there should be more stress placed on Ukrainian traditions and the Ukrainian language.

"My music teacher says I have a fine voice and should go far."

"Splendid! When are you leaving?"

"Isn't there a smarter clerk available to serve me?"

"No, madam — the smarter clerks saw you coming."

St. Josaphat's U.C.Y., Edmonton

Hi everyone. Once again we are here to talk to you from St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. May I first, on behalf of the executive, extend to each and everyone a blessed and prosperous New Year.

So far we are keeping up to most of the proposed activities. When I talked to you last time, the club was off to a good start. Now we are moving along quite rapidly.

One of the proposed activities of the Spiritual Committee, which was carried out very effectively was that of making up Christmas Hampers for the needy parish families. A donation box was passed around

during the meetings throughout Advent. With the help of the Cultural Committee three hampers were made up.

Another of our big events of the first term was the U.C.Y. Christmas Concert under the direction of Reverend Fathers Kushko and Pidscalny and Dianne Bayrock. Both the Drama and Ukrainian Dancing groups participated. Most of the acts were on the humorous side with the exception of a few plays and the dancing. The concert was concluded with the Nativity Scene. This concert took a lot of work on the part of everyone but it was

worth it for the proceeds were given to the Spiritual Committee for the hampers. The concert was most successful for a first attempt. Another such concert is planned for the future but on a more serious side.

Of course the club is still sports-minded. The Bowling Club held its annual Christmas Raffle which turned to be most successful. The bowlers have sure improved. Every point is well earned. A survey was conducted recently to find out the appeal of sports to the girls. Badminton, baseball and volleyball seemed to head the list. Thanks to the Recreation Commission of St. Josaphat's Cathedral, a Badminton Club is being organized for the new year. Courts will be set up in the National Hall.

The St. Josaphat's Hockey team is doing very well this season. So far, they have won all their games. Congratulations boys. Keep up the good work.

There are also the social activities

of the club. During Advent the Social Committee kept our meetings alive. We had several whist drives and game nights which always concluded with sing-songs. One of the big events was the annual Christmas party held shortly after the New Year. The evening began with turkey supper followed by dancing and carolling. I'm almost sure everyone had a swell time. Also during the Christmas season, several groups of carollers went out from the UCY.

The big objective of the UCY this year was the formation of a Junior UCY. Before Christmas, letters and applications were sent out to all the parish families. The organizational meeting is set for mid-January. The age is from 13 to 17. This club is being organized and directed by the Senior Club.

That is everything new from St. Josaphat's this month. We to see you again in the near future.

Press Correspondent
Mary Anne Petaske.

St. Basil's U.C.Y., Edmonton

Hello everybody. We trust you have all had a very Merry Christmas and a pleasant holiday. Now that it is all over, and we are all settling down to our usual routine, I pick up my pen to bring you up-to-date on the doings of St. Basil's U.C.Y. Club, South Edmonton.

So far this season, we have been strangers to the pages of this magazine. But that by no means is an indication that we have not been active. No siree!

Things got rolling the middle of

September and the new executive was elected and buckled down to mark with the first days of October. The executive, headed by Julian Wynnyk, as President, reads as follows: Vice-President — Walter Mazurek, Secretary — Diana Tyrkalo, Treasurer — Alexandra Bayduza, Fifth Member — Orest Bykowski. And the Executive got down to business right away. The result is an active club of 40 members with 95% of the members subscribers to the YOUTH magazine. Several of

the U.C.Y.'ers are also chair members while a good number of the girls are Sodalists. Active in parish activities, U.C.Y. members participate in all events in the parish of St. Basil's.

Sportswise, bowling and curling have been headliners. The bowling league meets regularly at Scona Bowling on Saturday afternoons and believe me, we are going to hang on to the Trophy. Curling has only been on a "once in a while" basis but was thoroughly enjoyed, just the same.

Meetings follow the format laid down in the Constitution, and are held every two weeks.

With reference to parish activities, a booth was manned by St. Basil's U.C.Y'ers at the Annual Parish Bazaar in October. A number

of members assisted in the 10th Anniversary celebration in November. Over the Christmas season, the U.C.Y'ers went out carolling, both as members of the choir and as members of this groups of U.C.Y. carollers.

A very enjoyable Christmas Party was enjoyed by all members just prior to the holiday season. Plans for the balance of the season are many and varied. In future articles we hope to introduce you to some of our Executive members, the Committee Convenors and give you a further insight into the activities of what we feel is one of the greatest little U.C.Y. Clubs in Western Canada — St. Basil's.

Until we meet again, a very successful New Year to all our U.C.Y'ers.. God bless you all.

Jo Bayduza.

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Saskatchewan U.C.Y. Annual Convention

ST GEORGE'S U.C.Y., SASKATOON

The members of the executive were as follows:

President—Miss Pat Chrun, Vice-President—Miss Pat Blocka, Treasurer — Mr. Maurice Shudlik, Secretary — Mr. Bill Ponziak, Fifth Member — Miss Joan Danylyshyn.

Also, the five committees were formed and a chairman was head of each committee: Spiritual — Miss Pat Blocka and Mr. Bill Michaluk; Sports — Mr. Bill Stakiw, Lunch—Miss Evelyn Romanoksy, Social — Miss Pat Stakiw, Educational—Miss Pat Blocka.

We all have one common question in mind in respect to the growth of

our Ukrainian Catholic Youth and that is: How many paid up members do we have? Exactly seventy-three. However, there are at least one hundred that we wish for their attention to join us.

Our meetings were held once a week

Our major activity during this year seemed to be "Dancing Thursday Nights". This was our way of making money. However, various hardships were often encountered in meeting our expenses.

The activities that were planned by the five committees are as follows:

1. Spiritual Committee

Seven communion breakfasts were well attended with notable guest speakers in attendance. One combined Retreat was held this year. Our five carolling groups did very well in their respective areas. A total of \$350.00 was collected and given to the church to purchase the Cathedral Chime Bells.

2. Educational and Cultural

A special Christmas evening of Christmas carols and other items concluded the festive season.

Our one and only major contest was the "Public Speaking" which proved to be educational and most interesting. It was not compulsory for every member to make a speech but each member was urged to do so. The speeches were both in English and Ukrainian. Miss Pat Chrun was the winner who received twenty dollars. Her topic was "Personality and Life". The topics were suggested but speeches could be made

to your desire.

Another activity that was in progress was the U.C.Y. Orchestra under the chairmanship of Mr. Orest Savitsky.

3. Social and Charitable

Charitable work was done by Miss Pat Blocka by visiting the sick at the hospitals. Flowers were sent to members that were in hospitals.

We held twenty-two dances this year.

Ukrainian and Square dancing was also enjoyed during the lenten season.

4. Sports and Others

The Bowling league at Hunter's Bowlodrome between Sts. Peter & Paul U.C.Y. and ourselves was also thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. We won the trophy for the year.

Other miscellaneous activities included, Christmas Party, tagging for the Knights of Columbus and two weiner roasts.

STS. PETER AND PAUL U.C.Y., SASKATOON

A. The members of the 1957-1958 executive were;

President — Ray Moroz, Vice-President — Betty Merczk, Secretary — Caroline Smudy, Treasurer — Mabel Chillack, Fifth Member — Helen Remenda, Publicity Office — Elaine Tratch, Organizational — Iris Sawyshyn, Educational — Richard Protz, Spiritual — Walter Starosta, Social — Pauline Ritchie, John Siroishka, Kathy Wonsiak, Sports — Ollie Siroishka, Lawrence Zarubiak, Auditors — Rose oGota, Nadine Yuzek, Eugenia Remenda.

Changes as of May 1st, 1958:

President — John Siroishka, Secretary — Jean Zarubiak, Social — Pauline Ritchie, Kathy Wonsiak, Eugenia Remenda.

B. Total paid-up members as of June 1958 — 68, non-paid—35 members who are with us for part of the year (University students), making a total of 103.

C. EVENTS: Convention attended. Marian Day June 7 and 8, Sts. Peter and Paul playing host. Delegates and speakers were Iris Sawyshyn, Walter Starosta, Richard

Protz. Speakers presented "History of Lourdes" in form of talks. There was an average representation from U.C.Y.

D. ADMINISTRATION — Meetings held every week (except for month of August) beginning at 8 o'clock. Executive meeting called once a month.

E. SPIRITUAL — Communion Breakfast held once a month with a speaker present. Retreats — two held at Sts. Peter and Paul. Obnova — joint exercise — March 12 to 14. Concerts — Joint U.C.Y. and Obnova. Carolling: 18 — 25 members canvassed for three evenings collecting a total of \$424.85.

F. EDUCATIONAL and Cultural. Concerts, Lectures, Ukrainian Dancing: Instruction once a week in preparation for concert. Almost everyone took part in basic steps. Press Contribution to YOUTH — \$20.00. Debates and panel discussions were carried out discussing — Work affairs, teenage problems, religious aspects, etc. Choir: thirty-five members participated in Concert. Pamphlet rack constructed in Auditorium. Club Album begun to record club history, past, present and future. Showing of slides taken by Richard Protz on his pilgrimage to Lourdes. Bulletins were condensed and published in the YOUTH magazine.

G. SOCIAL and Charitable. Contribution of \$15.00 to Sacred Heart Academy in Yorkton. Some known Ukrainian patients were visited in hospitals at Christmas time by various U.C.Y. members. Social activities held at conclusion of meet-

ings — Bingos, whist drives, dancing, ping pong, etc. Funds went to treasury. Socials also took the form of weiner roasts with community singing. Social held in co-operation with C.W.L. Funds to purchase tickets for Carnival Queen sponsored by Sts. Peter and Paul. Donation of one Communion Breakfast to C.W.L. of Sts. Peter and Paul.

H. SPORTS. — Bowling, Ping Bong Tournament held within U. C.Y. Joint Hockey Teams drawn up in soft ball. Won second prize at church picnic. This money was donated to treasury (\$10.00). Excursions, Tobogganing party, weiner roast (3), card parties, swimming, etc. rounded out the year very successful as to the social agenda.

PRINCE ALBERT, U.C.Y. SASK.

The report of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth of St. George's Parish in Prince Albert covers the time between Oct. 22, 1957 to June 17, 1958.

The members of the executive were: President — Eugene Biolobzyski, Vice-President — Raymond Sielski, Secretary — Helen Petruniak, Jennie Zelensky, Treasurer — Margaret Dickie, Fifth Member — Ruth Ludek, Auditors — Nellie Dzioba, Bob Gayowski.

There were 17 paid members and 5 non-paid. We held 17 meetings which came on Tuesday evening. During the year we held only one dance and our annual carnival. Our Communion Breakfasts were held the first Sunday of every month. Our annual carolling drive netted \$565.00. This was placed in the

building fund for our new church. The total donation was \$4,000.00. This included money from the previous year.

At our meetings Father talked to us about proper Catholic behavior and religion. Father Kostiuk was present at several meetings.

A play was started but never put on. For several years we have attempted to bring in Ukrainian dancing but always we cannot find a teacher. This year we have a prospect and hope we will be able to start.

Most of our sports were indoor sports. The main ones being goodminton and ping pong. We had a Hallowe'en party, Christmas party, our annual U.C.Y. weiner roast and picnic.

References include—minute book, cash book, bank book and receipt book.

YORKTON, SASK.

The past year, has no doubt been a very busy one for the U.C.Y. of Yorkton. The number of paid up mebers centred about fifty. As usual meetings have been held every Tuesday night. From time to time Spiritual talks were given by our Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Michael Kuchmiak.

Going back to last fall the highlight of U.C.Y. events was the carnival which was held on October 25th. Five contestants participated. Sally Thoms was crowned queen. This carnival was combined with an Amateur Show which was held at St. Mary's Hall. The proceeds were approximately \$2,100.00. A good share of this went to cover carnival expenses. However, despite the various expenses the following donations were made: St. Mary's Church \$600.00; St. Mary's Hall

\$650.00; St. Joseph's College \$100.00; Sacred Heart Academy \$250.00.

Looking further into the year, the U.C.Y. of Yorkton was visited by the U.C.Y. of Saskatoon, indeed this marked an indelible memory in our minds. This however, was not the end of our memorable events. A most profitable retreat was made under the able direction of Rev. Father Novak. The retreat drew to a close by the celebration of Mass which was followed by a Common Breakfast.

During May Devotions, the members assembled in the Parish Church in the evening to recite the Rosary.

Every year the U.C.Y. members of Yorkton are very active in giving a helping hand with the Vedpoost.

Among various other activities and functions of our U.C.Y. are skating parties, card parties, wein er roasts, Ukrainian dancing and Sunday evening entertainments.

CUDWORTH, SASK.

We formed our U.C.Y. exactly one year ago. Altogether there are 37 members. We hold our meetings twice a month, where we read and discuss all pamphlets received from Saskatoon. We also discuss all future plans for the month.

Our members went carolling we also held bingos throughout the winter season. We held two dances and a spring carnival.

Before Easter we had special retreat by Rev. Father Iwaszko and had a Communion Breakfast for all the youth members.

We purchased a loud speaker for the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows. We took Ukrainian Dancing by Mr. Chepyha from Alvena.

President — Olga Bruchun, Vice-

President — Adam Swaduski, Secretary — Walter Kostmanka, Treasurer — Audrey Kotler. Our bank balance is \$62.00.

HAFFORD, SASK.

As the 1957-58 year got under way we had around 35 to 40 members most of whom attended High School. We held our meetings twice a month. On September 16, 1957 our new executive was elected.

President — Mrs. Ann Ogenchuk, Vice-President — Sally Shyluik, Secretary — Zonia Sokil, Treasurer — Leslie Korchinski.

Our director Mr. Daviduk helped us in organizing and directing our meetings. Our Spiritual Director Father Schesnuik would give us an interesting talk on religious subjects. During each meeting a dif-

ferent member would give us a story or poem about Ukrainian History and Culture. This gives a member a chance to use his Ukrainian. At the end of our meetings we had some entertainment set up by the Social Committee which was followed by a lunch.

Our Social Committee planned activities during the year that benefited the club members. Some of these activities were card parties, bingos and dances.

During Christmas and Easter we held Communion Breakfasts in our Church Parlor.

During Christmas we went caroling of which we supported our church.

In the summer we fixed up our tennis court and most of the members played tennis.

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